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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance; co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

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THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. W. H. Parker has resigned at Dedham, Mass., to accept a call to Fairhaven, Mass.

Rev. W. J. Greene has resigned at Willow Place Chapel, Brooklyn, N.Y., to accept a call to New London, Conn.

Rev. L. R. Plank has accepted a call to Dayton, Ohio, beginning April 1.

Rev. R. F. Leavens has resigned at Omaha, Neb., and Rev. C. M. Gray at Charleston, S.C.

Rev. G. L. Parker has accepted a call to Newton Centre, Mass.

Rev. J. P. MacCarthy has accepted a commission to take charge of the church in Passaic, N.J.

Rev. V. B. Silliman has been called to the charge of the Willow Place Chapel, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Rev. E. Padgham has added to her work at Rutherford, N.J., the charge of the church in Ridgewood, N.J.

Rev. O. B. Hawes has accepted a call to Summit, N.J.

Rev. G. T. Ashley has resigned at Wichita, Kan.

Rev. A. E. von Stilli has accepted a call to Menomonie, Wis., and Rev. F. F. Eddy to Eugene, Ore.

Rev. H. E. Kellington has taken charge of the work at Salt Lake City, Utah.

New England Churches

Field Secretary Rev. William Channing Brown has given his entire time since January 1st to the New England churches. He has endeavored to secure an acceptable minister for the church in Deerfield, but as yet the efforts have been unsuccessful.

The church in Leicester, after considerable negotiation and a number of conferences, has been led to secure the services of Rev. Frederick Turner Crane of Worcester for meetings on Sunday mornings to begin April 1st.

Rev. Charles H. Tenney of the Universalist church in Southboro has felt that he can no longer, under prevailing conditions, continue the afternoon meetings in the Sturbridge Unitarian church. The Field Secretary has given considerable time to calling and visitation among the church people, has preached on two Sundays, and at a recent meeting of the parish, after officers were elected for the current year, it was voted to call Rev. Howard A. MacDonald of Brookfield to serve the parish for one year, beginning Easter Sunday, with meetings in the afternoon or evening.

The church in Nantucket has, since the resignation of its pastor, found it

almost impossible to find a minister to its mind. The Field Secretary was able to secure the services of Rev. Josiah C. Kent, who has served for twenty-five years the church in Northboro. Mr. Kent assumed the work in Nantucket on Easter Sunday at a salary three hundred dollars in excess of what the church has formerly paid.

The church in Charlestown, N.H., found it impossible to secure another minister after the departure of Rev. J. C. Allen. The adjustment was made whereby Rev. Leverett R. Daniels, the minister at Windsor, Vt., will assume an afternoon service in Charlestown. This arrangement will provide one of our competent ministers with a more adequate salary.

The First Parish of Warwick, Mass., and the Evangelical Congregational Society of that town have been, during and since the war, in the habit of holding union meetings, with ministers of both churches participating. Recently the orthodox minister has retired from the field and each parish has voted to unite with the other, forming a federated church with one Protestant minister to serve the religious interests of the entire town, and this federated church has called Rev. Granville Pierce to be its first minister. Each society keeps its own organization intact, but another organization is formed which maintains preaching and settles all the conduct of worship, employs a minister and pays him from the resources provided by the two churches combined. As Warwick has but about three hundred and thirty inhabitants, spread over an extended territory, this seemed a judicious and happy solution of what might have been an unsolvable problem. Most of the people are extremely happy in the new relations in which they find themselves, and Mr. Pierce starts out with high hopes of achieving something for the religious welfare of the community.

New life and enthusiasm, after several years of dormancy, has developed in Rochester and Dover, N.H., especially in the former city. Preaching services have been held by Rev. Benjamin R. Bulkeley and by the Field Secretary. The latter has given considerable time to visitation and to parish work besides preaching.

A visitation of some of the smaller churches in the vicinity of Worcester has been undertaken. Recent preaching and speaking appointments have been Brattleboro, Athol, Pittsfield, Stow, Gardner (where a new minister has recently settled), Exeter, N.H., Deerfield, Attleboro, Sharon, Bolton, and Sterling. Appointments in the near future include preaching in Rochester and Dover, N.H., and Medfield, Mass. Some available time has been given recently to help complete the survey of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches of the rural towns of the Commonwealth.

Department of Religious Education

The outstanding event of the month of March has been the Annual Meeting of the Religious Education Association, at Rochester, N.Y. Led by such eminent scholars in the field of religious education as President McGiffert and Professors Coe and Hartshorne of Union Theological Seminary, President King of Oberlin, Professors Soares of Chicago University, Brightman of Boston University, E. C. Moore of Harvard, and Bagley of Columbia, several hundred people spent nearly six full days considering the most recent theories and advanced methods in teaching religion. The two secretaries of this Department were in attendance, Dr. Buck giving one of the addresses and Dr. Lawrance presiding at one of the meetings and acting as secretary at others. President Southworth of Meadville and some half-dozen other Unitarians were also in attendance. Professor Hutcheon of Meadville, who was on the program for the session on Religion in the Home, was unable to attend on account of illness.

The theme of the convention was

"Education for World Fellowship." The devastating war through which we have so recently passed, and from the evils of which we shall not recover for generations to come, was possible only because of lack of mutual understanding and good will among the nations. If such disasters are not to be repeated in the future, a systematic education in world fellowship must be undertaken on a large scale and under expert direction. The Religious Education Association is well fitted for the study of precisely such great topics. The church school has too long concerned itself about matters of less consequence,—about the history and literature of the past, minute differences in theological concepts, and remotely future possibilities. The time has come when the church, if it will serve mankind, indeed, if it is not to die, must busy itself primarily and with all its power with the training of a generation that seeks the common good. The church of the future, as President McGiffert urges, must attend primarily to teaching, must, in his phrase, "resume its teaching function."

From Rochester, Dr. Buck started for a Southern trip, to visit our churches in Cincinnati, Louisville, Nashville, Memphis, Atlanta, and to address the Southern Conference at New Orleans.

The growing consciousness of the need of making our religious education serviceable in promoting a better Christian character devoted to the common good is seen in the trend of interest in the superintendents' meetings held at the office of this Department at 16 Beacon Street, Boston. After several sessions devoted to discussing the principles underlying the conduct of worship in the church school, a plan was proposed by which to attempt the preparation of such a series of opening exercises in our schools as may most effectively lead our children to understand and fulfil their social obligations. Whether the new spirit of world fellowship has yet reached such development that it can be expressed in concrete spiritual aspirations, teachings, and forms of worship, remains to be seen. Without doubt the present trend is strongly in that direction. It is now the duty of the church to cultivate the spirit that was in Jesus much more directly and forcefully than it has been doing. Sociology may not to any large degree replace theology; but unquestionably the problem of living together and of teaching children how to live in brotherly relations with others is engaging the attention and the efforts of leaders as never before. The example set by the Beacon Course in Religious Education is being followed in most of the great denominations, in all of which books for church-school teachers and courses of instruction in classes are appearing with great rapidity, all departing sharply from strictly Biblical study and attempting to train in Christian character through direct ethical teaching. And herein lies at once the hope of the church for its own perpetuity and of the world for efficient and devoted leadership in its onward way.

We are happy to announce that, through the co-operation of the Laymen's League, the Institute for Religious Education at Star Island will this year be extended to two weeks. The session will open on July 23 and close on August 6. The program is already blocked out, but cannot be announced in detail at present. It is already clear, however, that this institute will provide the best course of training in religious education that we have ever been able to offer. It will be the twelfth annual institute at the Isles of Shoals, and will represent the gathered experience of the Department in this kind of work. This is the more fitting as it will constitute part of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the beginning of Unitarian meetings on Star Island. It is earnestly hoped that our churches, Alliances, League chapters, and schools will begin at once to plan to send at least one church-school worker—more

than one if possible—to this Institute. No better investment of money could possibly be made. It is not too early to select representatives, and to arrange for covering their expenses. Trained lay-workers represent our next and most important step forward as a denomination.

The Wayside Pulpit and Publicity

The new sheets are being prepared and will be sent out early in April. They are to be used beginning the third week of April. There has been a large growth in the number of churches on the list.

It is a satisfaction to announce that the difficulties of manufacture in connection with the Wayside Pulpit have been overcome. From conditions connected with the war, there was a time when the prompt filling of orders could not be promised. The happy condition has been reached of being able to get the work done promptly and well.

This includes the Changeable Letter Device with which a church can make its local announcements. A frame is constructed the right size to fit the Wayside Pulpit. It is equipped with a full set of letters and figures. These are enamelled metal and the background is also enamelled metal. This device is very substantial and durable and presents an attractive and dignified appearance. Any church having a standard Wayside Pulpit can add this equipment.

In connection with the Unitarian Campaign, a set of ten sheets was sent out to every active Unitarian church. These were the right size for use in the Wayside Pulpit. They were beautifully printed in red and black. Some churches overlooked an important fact: *they had nothing to do with the raising of money, but were for the real Campaign.* Unitarians are not likely to forget soon the slogan, "Not a campaign for money, but money for a campaign." The canvass for subscriptions was for an intensive period of ten days. The real Campaign has now begun, and it runs not for ten days, nor even for five years, but for a long period of loyal service.

The real Campaign includes the increase of the work of our churches and aims at their growth in membership and influence. There is to be an advance all along the line. These Campaign sheets were one of the first steps in providing our churches with material with which to reach out to their own communities and to win people to the churches.

All correspondence concerning the Wayside Pulpit should be addressed to Henry Hallam Saunderson, 25 Beacon Street, Boston 9, Mass., care of the American Unitarian Association.

Contributions

The churches are reminded that the fiscal year of the Association *closes on April 30th* and that contributions for the support of the national work must reach the Treasurer, Henry M. Williams, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, before that date. A church failing to make its annual contribution must, under the By-laws, lose its right to be represented at the Annual Meeting of the Association on May 24th. Of the money raised in the Campaign last fall a part was given to the Association for the purpose of *beginning new work in the field.* For its regular, year-by-year, activities, sustaining and aiding churches, publishing books and tracts, carrying forward the work of religious education, work projected on long lines and requiring sustained effort, the Association needs at least $65,000 in contributions from the churches, and not one cent of this can come from the money raised in the Campaign. The churches that made their contributions on Easter Sunday should send in the money promptly, and churches that have not yet undertaken this necessary part of the year's work should be prompt to act.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

Headquarters: Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Miss Lucy Lowell, *President*
Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes, *Treasurer*
Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, *Recording Secretary*
Mrs. Robert H. Davis, *Corresponding Secretary*

To the Branches

Dear Madam President:

In the hope of fostering international understanding and good-will the International committee asks the co-operation of the branches, trusting that with clear vision and sympathetic mind they may look beyond national boundaries to the international field where all liberals are struggling towards the goal of spiritual progress and liberty.

Do all the branches know that important Unitarian work is being done in Hungary, Japan, and Egypt, and that The Alliance is doing very interesting work with many people of foreign birth in this country, and in addition is aiding the activities of some of the liberal women of Italy and France?

If not, it is assuredly important to bring this knowledge to every Alliance member.

The cause can best be helped if each branch will form a local International committee, or at least ask one of its members to make this subject her particular interest for study and report. The following suggestions are offered:

1. At each regular meeting of your branch have a report covering the general International work. Information can be obtained from Word and Work, the *Christian Register*, the (London) *Inquirer*, and other reliable journals.

2. Study carefully and make inquiries if necessary about the various International causes supported by The Alliance and try to help according to the ability of your branch.

3. Endeavor to understand the foreigner within the gates and while teaching him the standards of America, recognize the valuable qualities which his nation offers this country through him. Encourage the study of foreign languages in order to more readily sympathize with the points of view of other nations.

4. Co-operate with the Fellowship committee in giving a hearty welcome to Unitarians coming to America from abroad.

5. Form at least one overseas Friendly Link.

The International committee gladly offers any assistance possible in helping to start local committees, and earnestly begs the co-operation of the branches in the effort to strengthen international understanding, sympathy, and fellowship, for on these rest the progress and peace of the world.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Eva Channing.
Mrs. Louis C. Cornish.
Miss Fanny Field.
Mrs. Henry S. King.
Mrs. Charles E. St. John.
Mrs. David Van Alstyne, *Secretary*.
Mrs. William L. Voigt, *Chairman*.

Note.—The Board asks that each president give the above letter her prompt attention, complying with the request in planning next year's work.

Executive Board

The 327th meeting was held in Boston March 11, Miss Lowell presiding; forty were present. Miss Lowell extended a welcome to Miss Hargrove of the British League, Mrs. John B. W. Day of our Japan Mission, Mrs. George H. Root of the Social Service Council, and a representative from each of the following branches: Portland, Me., Fitchburg and Lowell, Mass.

Mrs. Davis was present and expressed her deep appreciation of the many letters of sympathy which she has received from all parts of the country.

The President conducted a devotional service. She has attended the past month a neighborhood meeting at the First Church, Cambridge, Mass., where nineteen branches were represented in addition to the hostess. She reported greetings to the Board from

Mrs. H. W. Churchill of New Orleans, former Vice-President, to whom cordial greetings were voted in return.

The Treasurer announced the receipt of a second instalment of money from the Campaign committee for our Endowment Fund, and of goodly sums for membership dues and in response to the listed Appeals. She has forwarded $170 to Mme. Loyson and $37 to Mrs. Katherine Weller in France.

The name of Mrs. George O. Whiting, Lexington, Mass., has been placed *in memoriam* by her daughter, Mrs. George L. Gilmore.

The Printing committee announced that the leaflet "Miss Ellis' Mission" has been reprinted. This is for Post Office Mission workers and others.

To the Library have been added "From Authority to Freedom," being a life of Charles Hargrove, by Professor Jacks; a History of the Leicester Church, and those of All Souls', New York, and Burlington, Vt. From Oklahoma City, with the return of the final instalment of books loaned from the Library, comes this message: The return has been delayed on account of the fact that many of our people desired to read them, especially Mr. Rihbany's "Syrian Christ," and Dr. Collyer's "Clear Grit." We wish you to know that they have rendered a great service to our community here where Unitarian books are not numerous.

Sincerely yours,
THOMAS P. BYRNES.

An interesting letter from Rev. George B. Spurr showed that Nashville, Tenn., is gaining steadily and greatly deserves our support. The Appeal for Nashville should be completed at once.

On the recommendation of the Southern Circuit committee it was voted to accept, with deep regret, the resignation of Rev. John L. Robinson, our minister at Swansboro, N.C. Mr. Robinson has been ill and finds himself unable to carry on the work.

On the recommendation of the International committee it was voted to refer to the consideration of the Appeals committee an Appeal for $600 for missionary work in Japan, the money to be used at the discretion of the Rev. John B. W. Day, who with Mrs. Day will soon leave America to take charge of our Japan Mission.

It was voted to print in WORD AND WORK a letter to branch presidents prepared by the International committee.

Word was received through Miss Herford of the British League of a new branch of the International Union of Liberal Christian Women, in Jerusalem; President, Frau Anna Rohrer, wife of the Superintendent of the Temple Colony. Mrs. Rohrer writes Miss Herford: I attended the women's meeting in Paris of the International Congress. It interested me very much for I did not know before that there were so many people in the world having just the same opinion about God, Jesus, and the dogma, as we.

Mrs. St. John has received over $1,800 for the suffering children of Hungary from 83 individuals and 50 branches, one Junior Alliance. Grateful letters have been received from Mrs. Bernard Allen of the British League, and the Rev. Mr. Hankinson, who is dispensing help at Budapest. Miss Herford writes: It certainly looks as if among your Alliance women, at any rate, the wave of anti-internationalism we hear spoken of, has not done much damage! When I feel a bit downhearted at the thought of the awful times some countries are passing through, the thought of the kindly sympathy and help your women have shown, and continue to show, will comfort and encourage me.

The Fellowship committee reported 93 Fellowship members enrolled by 40 branch committees. The last Friendly Link formed is between the President of the British League and the President of The Alliance.

The resignation of Mrs. W. B. Donnell as chairman of the Junior Fellow-

ship committee was accepted with appreciation of her service.

The Sunday-school committee told of gratifying reports from Miss Phillips, Sunday-school worker, now in Summit, N.J., next to go to Leominster, Mass. A letter from the Rev. Frank W. Pratt of Richmond, Va., expressed appreciation and thanks for the service rendered by Miss Phillips in Richmond and Highland Springs. Mrs. Algernon S. Smith of Charleston, S.C., is in Memphis, Tenn., a second worker in this department. Greetings were sent to Mrs. A. L. K. Volkmann of the Sunday-school committee, who is ill in California.

Greetings were voted to the Southern Conference in New Orleans, March 29-31, to be conveyed by Mrs. John H. Lewis, Vice-President; to the Annual Meeting of the British League of Unitarian Women, to be held in London, May 18, to be conveyed by Mrs. John W. Loud, former Vice-President of Canada.

The President was appointed to take charge of the Alliance meeting at the Isles of Shoals, Thursday, July 14, with power to choose her associates; she was authorized to appoint a committee to plan for Alliance meetings in connection with the General Conference at Detroit in October.

Mrs. Day showed the great opportunity before us in Japan, particularly through the Sunday-school.

A letter from Mme. Loyson's sister, Mrs. Hudson Chapman, 1128 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, says that she has an official permit to send boxes to France at the charge of the French Government. She is willing to receive at the above address whatever the friends may wish to contribute to the work in Northern France. A special request has come for French aprons for boys and girls, and for the babies, gifts of "Klim," a powdered milk, very pure and easy to handle.

Each New England State was represented in the reports, which showed a hopeful spirit, even where there is no minister. Branches are asked to devote one meeting next year to a consideration of the subject of Recruiting the Ministry. Names of speakers in various parts of the country will be supplied.

The next meeting, April 8, will be Western Day.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

International Fellowship

Letters have been received from Rev. Georges S. Kukhi of Egypt telling of his missionary work there and also of the needs of the Temple Colonies in Palestine. They are struggling to rehabilitate themselves and to reopen their schools after the severe deprivations of the war. Mr. Kukhi writes: "There are none more worthy of our help than these liberal German colonists in Palestine. It is no insignificant affair for them to be our allies, being as they are the most vigorous and exemplary religious community in the Near East. Miss Herford is now in touch with their women-folk who are organizing themselves into a branch of the International Union of Liberal Christian Women." The following letters written to Mr. Kukhi will be read with interest. Mrs. Rohrer is the wife of the President of the Temple Colonies. The children's letter is from one of her classes in the Jerusalem colony, and speaks of the aid Mr. Kukhi was able to give them at Christmas time through the generosity of Alliance friends in America.

JERUSALEM, January 18, 1921.

Dear Mr. Kukhi:

Our children wrote letters in which they thank you for their Christmas gifts. I wanted to write you also and so I did not send away the letters, but found no time, because our people came back from Germany last week on Friday, making much trouble in sheltering them. I wished you could see the joy you made and we all, the parents and the children, bless you and all who have a heart for us. A year before we did not know anthing of you and now we have gained such a good friend, who is working so hard for us. As my husband told you, I have written to Miss Herford a long careful letter, in which I painted the condition

of our school now and some years ago. I told her my agreeing with her proposal to form groups in our colonies and I was glad to be able to tell her that already the ladies of Jerusalem have formed a group and that other groups are expected in Wilhelma and Jaffa. All colonies or our whole society will be together one group, so Miss Herford proposed, we chose the name Frauenbund der Tempelgesellschaft. Miss Herford wrote me a very nice and kind letter and it did so good in our in some way miserable condition. We are so happy that our people are back now; they had a three weeks' journey. I myself expected with them my mother, my brother, two sisters and their husbands and their two children. They are all with us in our house, we have grown a big family, till their houses or outhouses are handed over to them. My brother, who came back, is a teacher and I am glad that our school will grow better now.

I hope the letters will make you some pleasure; they are written with much love and importance, especially the little ones did it with earnest faces, not having written before a letter with ink and knowing the importance of their work. The bigger ones in the upper class tried to make a joke, telling their grief to be forced to go to school. If you read their writing you certainly think their teachers are cannibals and I hasten to assure you that they are no.

I am afraid I take too much of your time in reading my letter and so I'll make an end. Before, I beg your pardon for my German-English, as I know very well that an Englishman would express it in quite a different way. But I know your kind heart and so I risk to send the letter in spite of it.

Sincerely yours,

ANNA ROHRER.

JERUSALEM, January 8, 1921.

Dear Mister Kukhi:

Many thanks to you for the joy you have made us. We did not expect anything this year, because our parents are very short of money. So we were very pleased when we learnt that some kind ladies sent money that we might have a good Christmas. The other classes told you how we spent the Christmas eve. It is only left to us to thank you and to beg you to tell the kind ladies who gave the money how great the joy was they have made through their generous help, and to give them our love and our hearty thanks. We have had holidays two weeks, and we were sorry when the school was beginning again.

With best love we remain your thankful

EDITH ROHRER

HILDEGARD WELLER	BRUNO EPPINGER
HELENE WELLER	EUGEN FAIG
ERICH WELLER	WALTER ABERLE

More money is needed for this work, which is endorsed by the International committee, and may be sent through the Treasurer, Mrs. Noyes.

Junior Fellowship

We are happy to report two more Junior Alliances. A club in Los Angeles, Calif., called "The Tri-W Girls," has voted to become a Junior Alliance: *Director*, Mrs. L. H. D. Russell; *Sec.*, Miss Ruth Andrews, 238 La Fayette Park Place; *Treas.*, Miss Merle Smith. A new group has just been organized in Charleston, S.C.: *Pres.*, Miss Capitola E. Rourke; *Sec.*, Miss Ray Webb; *Treas.*, Miss Maude Warren.

Natick, Mass. Our first meeting after Christmas was an interesting one. Our member who went to the Bulfinch Place party to carry the candy bags for the Italian children told us what she and the Jamaica Plain Juniors did there. A letter was read from the group in Belfast, Me., to thank us for a contribution to their handkerchief sale, and they told us what they were doing, and about some plays they had given. One member reported about a basket of goodies sent to a church shut-in. We had each contributed something, had filled in the corners with nuts, and topped it with white grapes and a red bow. For new work, we agreed to furnish our church parlor. Our first plan to raise money is by giving two plays, and we have chosen "That Patrick" and "Raspberry Shrub."

The first part of the year we had the grab table at the fair, and gave the proceeds to the church for music. We meet every two weeks at the homes of the members, but when we have furnished the church parlor, we hope to meet there. There are sixteen of us, including the honorary members, who work just as hard as the rest of us.

Berlin, Mass. We were very busy in the fall, getting ready for our table at the Annual Fair, our first appearance in public! We have eight girls in

our little band. Since our organization a year ago, we have earned money for a much needed piano in our vestry. This fall we gave $5 to the Campaign, and have promised the same amount for each of the five years. We have also contributed to the Hoover Fund. After the monthly suppers given by the branch, the Juniors sell sugared popcorn, which nets us about $2 each time. At our fair the girls enjoyed the exchange of articles with other groups of Juniors, to whom we wrote suggesting we would like to do this. Our secretary was a very busy one for a while and the numerous letters were greatly enjoyed at the meetings.

May Meetings

The public meeting of The Alliance will be held Wednesday, May 25, at 10 A.M., in Tremont Temple. Two addresses will follow the business, which will include election of officers. A collection will be taken for our missionary work. In the afternoon in the Second Church, Boston (Beacon Street and Audubon Road), there will be a conference of Board members, presidents, or their appointees, of branches within forty miles of Boston; from branches beyond that limit, all who may be able to attend.

On Thursday the usual conferences will be held: Cheerful Letter at 11 A.M., in Channing Hall, Junior Fellowship at 1.30 P.M., in the same place. The Post Office Mission workers will meet at 2.30 P.M., at Bulfinch Place Church.

Branches which choose their delegates in April will remember that they are entitled to one delegate for any number of members under thirty and another delegate for each thirty members additional to the first thirty. Only $1 members are eligible to serve as delegates, but a local member may make herself, or be made by her branch, a national member by the payment of the $1 fee.

Will not more branches adopt the excellent custom of paying their delegate's expenses to the Anniversary Meetings?

The Manual

Blanks for data to be used in compiling the Manual will be mailed to branch secretaries early in April. It is the aim of the Manual committee to make the book as complete as possible, and prompt co-operation of all secretaries and treasurers is urgently requested. Each year the book is delayed by the carelessness of a few who fail to return the blanks on time, and much of the summer is consumed in getting the necessary information from a few delinquents. As a working Manual it is of little value unless all branches are included with a correct list of officers.

The financial statement of the branches should also be correctly recorded. It is not only interesting but helpful and inspiring to know what we, as an organized body of Unitarian women, are accomplishing by our united effort. We must have the figures from all the branches, both large and small, to show the sum total. Let no treasurer, then, think her record is too small or insignificant to be given.

In filling in the blank, give the list of officers for the coming year, not those who are now serving unless they are to continue in office. Please state the exact number of members. Only those whose dues have been paid should be counted.

Let each secretary and treasurer resolve now to return the blank immediately after the annual meeting of her branch. *Please be prompt.*

MARY B. DAVIS.

Post Office Mission

A number of the *Christian Register* devoted to the history and work of the Post Office Mission will be issued Thursday, May 5. As this will be of vital interest to all our workers and correspondents, arrangements have been made to print as many extra

copies as may be called for. A special price of 7 cents per copy has been made, in order that all may take advantage of this opportunity to know what we have done and are doing.

Every committee member desiring copies should send her name, address, number of copies wanted, *and the amount needed to pay for them*, to the *Christian Register*, 16 Beacon Street, Boston 9, Mass., not later than Thursday, April 28. The orders will be filled as soon as possible.

Isles of Shoals

The Publicity committee of the Unitarian Summer Meetings Association is urging every Alliance to call the attention of their members to the charm of the Summer Meetings at Star Island. This committee suggests that each Alliance send a delegate this year for a week and explain to their Y. P. R. U. or Sunday-school the advantages of sending a delegate to the Young People's Week. Some Alliances are planning to send their minister and wife for a week. Urge members of your Alliance to spread among the church people the facts describing the inspiring activities of these Summer Meetings. They will begin with the Young People's Week, July 2–9; then the Summer Meetings, July 9–23, and the Summer School of Religious Education, July 25–August 6. In order to secure reduced hotel rates for the Summer Meetings, information must be obtained from Alden B. Keene, Treasurer, 40 Fayette Street, Watertown, Mass., when room reservations are made.

On an island set ten miles out to sea is a great community house where all are one, and where one can obtain new inspiration, rest, and invigorating sea air, free from the complex daily life on the mainland with the automobile, telephone, movie, and jazz. The Publicity committee is preparing a folder to be sent soon to all Alliances, and any interested friends may receive one by sending stamped envelope to Mrs. Minnie Packard Valentine, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

An Appeal for Victoria

The earnest Unitarians of our little church in Victoria, B.C., are making an effort to improve their church property. With certain additions the interior of the church may be made churchlike and worthy. Already necessary repairs are being made through the efforts of those connected with the church. They have never had pews, and I am sure many friends will be glad of an opportunity to contribute money for this purpose. I trust the sum of $200 may soon be sent to the Victoria church from those who like myself feel deeply grateful to the people who are maintaining the faith so worthily. Any contributions, however small, may be sent to me.

Mrs. John Carroll Perkins,
1418 East 63d Street,
Seattle, Wash.

New England Associate Alliance

The annual meeting will be held in the Milton Unitarian Church, Wednesday, April 20, at 10.30 A.M. and 2 P.M. Speakers: Rev. Charles T. Billings, "Religion in the Home"; Rev. John B. W. Day, "Our Work in Japan"; reports from the Carolina Industrial School and a collection for the schools. In the afternoon there will be an address by the Rev. Charles Addison Wing of Springfield, Mass. Box luncheon as usual.

The Monday Conference of Alliance Branches will be held at 25 Beacon Street, April 4, at 10.30 A.M. Rev. Abbot Peterson will speak on "Recruiting the Ministry."

Appeals stand as follows:

Sunday-school Worker	$336
Nashville	266
Carolina Industrial School	620
Southern Circuit in addition to pledges	188
General Alliance Work	864

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An Appeal for the Shoals

"I don't know anything about these Unitarians," remarked one of the young men who were helping with the work at Star Island last summer, "except this, that they apparently worship candles."

Of course they do! Who wouldn't, with the chance to be a candle-worshipper in the Gosport Chapel on the Isles of Shoals? How could any one who has ever had the privilege of joining in the service of Evening Prayers on Star Island be anything else but a worshipper of candles? There are some of us for whom the Candlelight Service at the Shoals is as nearly perfect a service of worship as we have ever shared.

But if we worship candles when the deep shadows of the night have closed in upon sea and sky and rocks, we have other lights to worship at other times. When the clear sunlight makes the island in the centre of a brilliant circle of dazzling ocean, or when the long level beams of the twilight soften towards evening, we do not worship candles. At such times—at Morning Prayers, and at the Sunset Service—we are sun-worshippers, and worshippers of all the beauty which the sun reveals on earth and sky and sea.

Back of the candles and behind the sun in all his glory lies the Power that we call God; and in our candle-worship and our sun-worship it is, of course, God to whom our hearts are lifted and by whom our souls are refreshed and made new. But the candles help, just as the light of the sun helps; and we love them both as angels that conduct us to God. On Star Island they stand and serve all mortals who come to ask their help.

It is this power of the Isles of Shoals to help us worship that makes them chiefly precious to Unitarians and most of all to Unitarians who have not "grown up" beyond their ability to "enjoy the Lord." We enjoy other things on Star Island,—the fun of meeting old friends and making new ones, the sea to swim in and sail over, and all the rest; but bigger than all these is the gift of quiet and confidence that worship at the Shoals can give us.

And so the appeal which the Shoals makes—an appeal for help to sustain and strengthen the association by loyalty, energetic work, and money—comes to the young people of our churches with something of the imperativeness of a sacred obligation. We cannot ignore this appeal. We wouldn't if we could. It is an appeal to our love of beauty, to our love of color, to our love of symbolism, to our love of the secret and surprising insights into the meaning of life which is the chief reward of religion.

Frederick M. Eliot.

Young People's Week at the Isles of Shoals, July 2–9

There are three distinct purposes in having such a week:

1. To deepen and broaden the religious and spiritual life of our young people.

2. To attempt to solve the many problems with which our Unions are confronted.

3. To widen the friendships among Unitarian young people.

The results of such a week can only mean the inspiring of new enthusiastic young people's workers for our churches. Such people are greatly needed. Thirty dollars will take one person from Boston to the Shoals and will keep him there one week. *Alliances, Sunday-schools, and Young People's Unions*, can you not send one or more persons from your church? Further details may be obtained at headquarters, 25 Beacon Street, and contributions may be sent to Mr. O. A. McMurdie, same address.

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WILL PROHIBITION WIN THE WORLD?

On American soil the Prohibition issue for all nations is being fought out. The Liquor Traffic of the world is watching with keenest interest. Elections in many countries turn on the reported success or failure of Prohibition in the United States, as for example the Local Option campaign in Scotland and the general elections in New Zealand in 1920.

This gives point to the guerilla warfare waged by the Liquor Traffic in our State Legislatures, seeking to prevent the passage of local enforcement codes, in our large centres of population seeking to magnify the evils of bootlegging, in homes everywhere encouraging home brew and the illicit still, and in the daily headlines seeking to batter down the wall of Prohibition sentiment.

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Speaking for France, Aristide Rieffel, now a teacher of languages in New York City, says: "Constantly keep in mind this fact: the French people have become alcoholic because they have been *taught* by the press that large doses are physiologically useful; that alcohol is a food; and wine, the best of foods. Wipe out these beliefs, reveal the harmfulness of alcohol, and alcoholism will disappear, *because every father will preserve his children from it.*"

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In the mean time the regular contributions for the work of the American Unitarian Association are slow in coming in. One month remains of our financial year and we lack about

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With our Campaign we have begun to build a splendid structure of activity and life. The foundations are already laid in the work done through the Association. These foundations must not be neglected in the plans of the new structure.

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